

People of the First Light

The Wampanoags are one of the Native Americans, living in now northeastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. They make a living by growing corn, beans, and pumpkins. The Wampanoags moved seasonally. They built wetus, which were round homes made of bent saplings covered with large pieces of bark, woven mats, and animal skins. The Wampanoags had a deep respect for the land and the plant and animal life upon which they depended. The native people felt that land was meant to be shared, worked, and respected by all, not to be owned by any one individual.

Wampanoags provide what the Pilgrims need, and teach them how to hunt, fish, and plant. However, help from Wampanoags, did not exchange the gratitude of the British colonists. Britain and Wampanoags made a treaty, the content of the treaty is to allow British colonists to stay in Massachusetts, two countries protect each other, avoid being attacked by the enemy. There were a great many differences between the Wampanoag and English cultures. The two cultures viewed the use of land very differently. When the treaty is established, land usage and rights would cause serious clashes between the two cultures. More cruelly, Previously helped the pilgrims to survive, in exchange for racial destruction decades later. Ironically, Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday of November every year, just celebrating the conquest of Native Americans, contempt and insult to Native Americans.